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**THREE AUGUSTA AREA MEN  
ARRAIGNED ON ROBBERY CHARGES**

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **Alonzo Blake, age 18, of Hephzibah, Georgia, Jeremiah Lane, age 19, of Augusta, Georgia, and Michael Yarbray, age 18, of Augusta, Georgia** were arraigned on February 28, 2006 on an indictment charging them with a series of robberies in the Augusta area.

All three men are charged with conspiring to rob commercial businesses in the Augusta area between approximately July 1, 2005 and November 21, 2005. In addition, Blake is charged with participating in the robberies of two Subway restaurants, and a Baldino's restaurant located in Augusta, Georgia. Blake is also charged with participating in the use of firearms during each robbery. Lane is charged with participating in the robbery of a Blimpie's Sandwich Shop located on Fort Gordon Military Reservation, as well participating in the robberies of a Video Warehouse, a Circle K convenience store, three Subway restaurants, and a Baldino's restaurant located in Augusta, Georgia. Lane is also charged with participating in the use of firearms during each robbery. Yarbray is charged with participating in the robberies of two Video Warehouses, a Circle K convenience store, three Subway restaurants, and a Baldino's restaurant

located in Augusta, Georgia. Lane is also charged with using firearms during each robbery. Each defendant entered a plea of not guilty, and remained in custody pending a detention hearing.

If convicted of the charge of conspiracy to rob commercial businesses, the three men face up to twenty years imprisonment. If convicted, Lane faces up to fifteen years imprisonment on the charge of robbing the Blimpie's Sandwich Shop on Fort Gordon. Each of the three men also face up to twenty years imprisonment upon conviction on each charge of participating in a robbery. If convicted on the charges of using firearms in connection with the robberies, the defendants would face a minimum of five years imprisonment for the first conviction, and a minimum of twenty five years imprisonment for each subsequent conviction.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Agent Brian Ozden is the lead case agent. The United States is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jay Weimer.

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